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1. WAS ABLE CONTACT VP MUBARAK LATE LAST NIGHT, SHORTLY AFTER RECEIPT REFTEL, TO CONVEY SUBSTANCE TO HIM. I EMPHASIZED ISRAELI CONTENTION THAT THEIR'S IS THE ONLY WEST BANK/GAZA PROPOSAL TABLED THUS FAR. THERE HAD BEEN NO ARAB RESPONSE TO THAT PROPOSAL, HENCE WHY SHOULD THEY BE EXPECTED TO MAKE CONCESSIONS. IN ABSENCE SOME ARAB COMSECRET

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MENTS OR COUNTER-PROPOSAL, ISRAELIS HAVE A TELLING POINT. I STRESSED YOUR VIEW THAT WE MUST NOW CONCENTRATE ON INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS ON WEST BANK/GAZA ALONG WITH STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES. SINCE SADAT WOULD NOT BE ARISING UNTIL LATE MORNING, I ASKED THAT VP MUBARAK GET THESE THOUGHTS TO HIM BEFORE WEIZMAN'S ARRIVAL.

- 2. MUBARAK WAS INITIALLY A BIT PUZZLED. HE RECALLED SADAT HAD GIVEN US A WEST BANK/GAZA COUNTER-PROPOSAL. I SAID I KNEW THIS, BUT REMINDED HIM SADAT HAD ASKED US TO KEEP HIS COUNTER-PROPOSAL TO OURSELVES AND NOT SHOW IT TO THE ISRAELIS. MUBARAK THEN ASKED EXPECTED QUESTION: WERE WE NOW SUGGESTING THAT THE EGYPTIAN WEST BANK/GAZA PROPOSAL BE TURNED OVER TO THE ISRAELIS? I SAID THAT WHAT IS REALLY NEEDED IS EGYPTIAN VIEWS ON WHAT KIND OF INTERIM ARRANGE-MENTS FOR WEST BANK/GAZA WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. I RECALLED THAT SADAT HAD HIMSELF STATED PUBLICLY ON ONE OR TWO OCCA-SIONS THAT BEGIN'S SELF-RULE IDEA WOULD BE A REASONABLE BASIS IF THERE COULD BE ASSURANCE IT WOULD EVOLVE INTO SOME KIND OF A PALESTINIAN HOMELAND ASSOCIATED WITH JORDAN. IN THIS CONTEXT, EGYPTIAN IDEAS NEEDED FLESHING OUT IF THEY ARE TO OFFER A BASIS OF DISCUSSION. WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE IS MORE DETAILED EGYPTIAN IDEAS OF WHAT KIND OF INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS WOULD FIT INTO THIS CONCEPT.
- 3. MUBARAK SAID HE WOULD TAKE IT UP WITH SADAT THIS MORNING, BUT ASKED THAT I GIVE HIM A PIECE OF PAPER ON THE SUBJECT. I HAVE SENT HIM A PAPER BASED ON PARAS 2-5 OF REFTEL. EILTS UNQUOTE COOPER

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